

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of the subject application are respectfully solicited.

Claims 1 through 8, 10 through 12, and 14 are pending, with Claims 1, 2, 7, 8, 11, and 14 being independent. Claims 2, 8, 10, 12, and 14 were withdrawn from consideration. Claims 9 and 13 have been cancelled without prejudice. Claims 1, 3 through 7, and 11 have been amended.

Claim 9 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101 as being non-statutory on the grounds that a computer-readable medium is not recited. All rejections are respectfully traversed, and are submitted to have been mooted by the cancellation without prejudice of that claim.

Claims 1, 3/1, 4/1, 5/1, 6/1, 7, 9, 11, and 13 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) over newly-cited U.S. Patent No. 6,122,078 (Leberl, et al.). All rejections are respectfully traversed.

Claims 1, 7, and 11 recite, *inter alia*, generating a panoramic image from a plurality of images obtained by a respective plurality of image sensing devices (with calculating as claimed, and composing a plurality of the transformed images).

However, Applicants respectfully submit that Leberl, et al. fails to disclose or suggest at least the above-discussed claimed features as recited, *inter alia*, in Claims 1, 7, and 11.

Applicants respectfully submit that Leberl, et al. discloses, e.g., correcting images based on a position and orientation of a scanner obtained by scanning a calibration device such as a reseau, with correcting of the image using the scanning result of the corresponding reseau. The Official Action relies, *inter alia*, upon Leberl, et al.'s col. 23, lines 28-42. However, Applicants respectfully submit that said section merely discloses, e.g., formatting geometric information

obtained from a sensed image of the reseau 150 with an object image, which formatting does not generate a panoramic image.

Applicants further respectfully submit that there has been no showing of any indication of motivation in the cited documents that would lead one having ordinary skill in the art to arrive at the above-discussed claimed features.

The dependent claims are also submitted to be patentable because they set forth additional aspects of the present invention and are dependent from independent claims discussed above. Therefore, separate and individual consideration of each dependent claim is respectfully requested.

Applicants submit that this application is in condition for allowance, and a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

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